



Amendment to the Specification

Please amend the specification as follows:

Replace the paragraphs on page 4, lines 25-27 with the following:

--Figures 1A-1D shows the nucleic acid sequence for IL-1B GEN X04500 (SEQ ID No.1)

Figures 2A-2D shows the nucleic acid sequence for the full-length IL-1B containing IL-1B allele 2 (+6912), i.e. a cytosine at position 8845 (SEQ ID NO: 2)--